

26 November 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSI ✓  
Chief, Medical Staff  
Chief, OTS

*Exempt name of person  
was in other files  
dated 21 Feb 52*

SUBJECT: Project ARTICHOKE.

1. Reference is made to the staff study dated 29 August 1952 from Assistant Director/SI to DB/P, DB/I and DB/A. The staff study has been concurred in by the appropriate officers wherein the responsibility for Project ARTICHOKE has been allocated as follows:

a. Overall responsibility for the project should be transferred from OSI to I&SO.

b. I&SO should call upon the research and support facilities of CIA Medical Staff and of the Office of Technical Services as required.

c. Liaison with the Research and Development Board and with the Service components should be the responsibility of I&SO.

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study:*  
d. Responsibility for the evaluation of foreign intelligence aspects of the project should remain in OSI.

2. In conformity with the above allocation of responsibility for Project ARTICHOKE, I&SO delegates responsibility for the implementation of this project as follows:

a. The Chief, Medical Staff should be responsible for medical research in support of this project which shall consist of research of a basic and operational nature determined by Chief, Medical Staff as appropriate and necessary within the scope of his facilities in support of this project. In addition, Chief, Medical Staff will conduct research and furnish operational support in response to requests by I&SO and within the limits of facilities available to the Medical Staff. Requests by I&SO will consist of specific elements of research, materials and personnel in support of operational use of Project ARTICHOKE.

b. Chief of OTS has advised that in view of lack of facilities and other requirements, his staff is not in a position to undertake full-scale support of this program as outlined. In addition, OTS advises it will not undertake operations within this project on its own but will restrict itself to laboratory type research and experimentation. In accordance with this understanding OTS will conduct,

within limitations of their facilities, research in the basic fields of science in support of this project. In addition, OTS will conduct, within limitations of their facilities, specific research, other than medical, requested by IASO in support of operational aspects of Project ARIADONE.

3. Liaison with the Research and Development Board in support of this Project will be the responsibility of GTS under an arrangement already effected by GTS.

4. Responsibility for evaluation of foreign intelligence aspects of Project ARTICHOKE will remain with OSI.

5. IASO will conduct liaison with the Service components concerned in this problem and in relation to operational aspects of Project AHHONGH.

6. OTS and Medical Staff each have established liaison with the Service components in conformity with their respective fields of responsibilities and it is foreseen that research conducted by OTS and Medical Staff in support of Project ANTICOMB will include liaison with the Service components in this regard. For the sake of clarification, I-80 will restrict its liaison to operational aspects of ANTICOMB and OTS and Medical Staff will restrict their liaison, as regards ANTICOMB, to the research fields. In order to prevent duplication and some crossing of channels, coordination and exchange of information in this regard will be necessary between the three elements concerned.

7. In order that information and activities may be appropriately discussed, IASO will call monthly meetings of Medical Staff, OTS and IASO.

8. In order to provide facilities for the actual use of ARTICHOMB, IASO will budget for and recruit personnel for the establishment of at least two teams.

9. Concurrence in the above allocation of responsibilities is requested.

Service reqs. should be notified -  
Admin. for supervision by OMR center

Colonel, GSC  
Security Officer, CIA